

## Family History Newsletter



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### Scotland's People Website Update

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The announcement arrived! *Scotland's People* had updated their website to make it more user friendly. As someone who has two family tree lines back to Scotland, this was welcome news so I had to check it out.

The first thing noticed was the website came across as a more welcoming invitation rather than the strict librarian type. I was encouraged to change my moniker to my email address and change my password to my choice. My credits were still available to me as well as the searches I had already done and the saved images. Bonus, where I had trouble viewing before, I had no trouble viewing the images any longer! When viewing, the tool bar to manage the image (crop, change size etc.) is in an easy area to assist you.

Now to play. I chose to look for my grandfather as John Miller is a fairly common name. The immediate search with his name and a year range of over 100 years netted over 300,000 hits. The nice thing was I could tell just how many hits for each category whether it was a birth, death or specific census. By choosing the 1911 census, the results were down to 1,500 results.

The great new feature is that now I was shown the entire list and the county and/or city for free! Adding the area of Caithness brought it down to 76. By using the advanced search I was given the opportunity to add another forename which should be part of the family grouping. Thank you Aunt Dolina. With her name I could zero in on the correct census page from the correct county. This was so much easier than

previous searching. Now if I wanted to view, it would cost 6 credits (an increase but it is a small increase for going to the correct page first try). A great addition are the "tips" offered to help. They can be turned off if desired.

Purchasing credits come in 30 or 40 blocks and have increased in price. The increase is nominal and when you consider you previously paid just to view the results pages first, it really is not much different. Credits are for 2 years until they go locked until more are purchased. The expiry date is well marked. Each type of image has a different credit value.

The website also has interesting articles available such as irregular marriage, Victorian gymnasiums, early cinema and the Balmoral estate to name a few. They have pages to read like guides on reading older handwriting, weights and measures, numbers and sums of money, surnames, forenames as well as unfamiliar words and phrases.

The website also makes available the opportunity for ordering copies of the documents or certificates.

Whether you prefer to search for people, or a place, or through the image library, you have the option. You can learn about the social history, local history as well as house and building history.

I cannot say that more records are available at this time other than the BMD, census, valuation rolls and legal records. More records will be added in the near future from the National Records of Scotland (check out their website for what they have if you travel to Scotland) but for now I have a lot of information to play.

First I need to read the will of my 5x great grandfather, Peter Mayoh!

## Online Resources

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### England's Immigrants Database

[www.englishimmigrants.com](http://www.englishimmigrants.com)

England's Immigrants 1330-1550, a fully-searchable database containing over 64,000 names of people known to have migrated to England during the period of the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death, the Wars of the Roses and the Reformation. Search by name, nationality, profession and place of residence.

### Shipwrecked Passenger Book

[www.findmypast.com.au/](http://www.findmypast.com.au/)

Sailing Westbound from Europe for the Americas 1817-1875. Were any of your ancestors shipwrecked at sea? Uncover the harrowing details of 339 transatlantic shipwrecks between 1817 and 1875.

### New Brunswick Great War Project

<http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/NBGWP/default.aspx?culture=en-CA>

You can view attestation papers for men who enlisted in New Brunswick or search their database for newspaper articles on men, women and battalions who were in the Great War.

### SFU's Digitized Newspapers

<http://newspapers.lib.sfu.ca/>

Newspapers about B.C or Canadian topics.

### New at Ancestry

[www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

- Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials –1538-1812
- Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1965 Oxfordshire,

England, Church of England Marriage and Banns, 1754-1930

- Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915
- Altenburg, Germany, Births, 1874-1901
- Altenburg, Germany, Marriages, 1876-1920
- Bavaria, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1556-1973
- Mittweida, Germany, Births, 1876-1905
- Mittweida, Germany, Residence Registers, 1895-1905
- Mittweida, Germany, Marriages, 1876-1921
- Mittweida, Germany, Deaths, 1876-1950
- Saarland, Germany, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1776-1875
- Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, Marriages, 1876-1922
- Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, Births, 1876-1903
- Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, Deaths, 1876-1950
- Teltow-Fläming, Germany, Deaths, 1874-1968
- Teltow-Fläming, Germany, Births, 1874-1903
- Teltow-Fläming, Germany, Marriages, 1874-1923
- Netherlands, Limburg Province, Certificates of Nationality, 1860-1913

## Family History Events

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### Abbotsford Genealogical Society

<http://abbygs.ca/index.html>

- **General Meeting: Aboriginal Genealogy Network**, October 20, 2016 at 1:30 pm, The Reach Gallery Museum

### Cloverdale Library

[www.surreylibraries.ca](http://www.surreylibraries.ca)

- **Orientations**, Saturdays, 10:00-10:50 am, Nov 5, Dec 3, Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.
- **Brick Walls 3: Sharing Strategies on Tough Genealogy Problems** with M. Diane Rogers, Brenda L. Smith, and Peter Whitlock, plus guest speaker Laurie Cooke. Co-sponsored with the BC Genealogical Society (BCGS), Saturday, October 29, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, Charge: \$20 (includes food). Additional charge of \$10 for one-on-one meeting with an expert.

### Finding Your Roots Seminar

[www.findingyourroots.ca](http://www.findingyourroots.ca)

- **Family History Seminar** with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, schedule and instructors on website. 6270 - 126 St Surrey, Saturday, Oct 15, 2016. Fee: Free. Sack-Lunch: \$5.

### Vancouver Public Library

[www.vpl.ca/programs/](http://www.vpl.ca/programs/)

- **Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition**, October 25, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Central Branch. Free.
- **Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch**, November 1, 2016, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Central Branch. Free.
- **Trace Your Ancestors with Library and Archives Canada**, November 8, 2016, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Central Branch. Free.
- **Genealogy Express**, Tuesdays, November 1 and 22, 2016, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm, Dunbar Branch Library. Free.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.